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MR. SPEAKER:

It has been truly said that Canada has never enjoyed a year of such general progress and prosperity as that of the year 1927. While that statement may not be equally applicable to all parts of Canada, it is true in a pronounced degree of our own Province.

There has been a marked advance in all lines of production, with labour conditions throughout the Province showing a considerable improvement over the year 1926.

An indication of growing strength is well demonstrated in the progressive increase in bank clearings, customs revenue and the business of wholesale houses, shown in the period covering the last three years.

For the third year in succession a satisfactory crop has been gathered in this Province, and the markets for farm produce, while variable, have been on the whole satisfactory. Of the Western provinces, Alberta seems to have been the most fortunate, as is well illustrated on the Wheat Yield Map of Western Canada recently published by a Western firm. This map shows the wheat yields of the various sections of Western Canada by different colours, and as one passes the boundary into this Province, the high yielding reds and purples predominate, indicating an average yield of between twenty-five and thirty-five bushels to the acre. To quote a recent review, "Seed time and harvest are the beating of the pulse of Canada." Carrying this figure of speech further, I would add that the flow of wheat to the markets of the world is the life stream of Canadian business, and the economic health of Canada will vary as the harvest varies. Townsmen and countrymen, workmen of the cities, industrialists and farmers will alike be affected by these prosperous conditions, for in the crop returns their common interests are merged.

## GENERAL CONDITIONS, 1927

The value of agricultural production\* in the years 1925, '26 and '27 is as follows:

1925 .....	\$257,594,615
1926 .....	263,913,260
1927 .....	330,143,152
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	\$851,651,027

\* A comparative statement of Agricultural Production for the years 1926 and 1927 appears in Statement No. 6.

It will be seen, therefore, that the total production for the last three years combined is \$851,651,027.00, an immense sum of money to pass into circulation among 600,000 people.

With the same degree of progress in the next two decades as has taken place during the period since the Province was formed, and with the opening up of the vast Peace River District, we have reason to believe that an annual production valuation of one billion dollars will be a common thing before that period of time has expired.

The year 1927 is the third successive year of favourable crop returns, each year showing an increase over the previous year. In a large Province like Alberta, with its varying soil and climatic conditions, a uniformly good crop throughout is not possible. Usually considerable variation is inevitable, but this year, fortunately, finds a wide distribution of good yields to such an extent as to be almost unique in the history of the Province.

The annual Agricultural Production per farm in Alberta was:

1906 .....	\$ 542.00
1911 .....	787.00
1916 .....	2,289.00
1921 .....	1,644.00
1926 .....	3,422.00
1927 .....	4,385.00

Value of Agricultural Production per farm in Alberta in comparison with American States:

1925	
Alberta .....	\$3,154.00
Montana .....	2,514.00
S. Dakota .....	2,355.00
Iowa .....	2,262.00
Minnesota .....	1,977.00
Kansas .....	1,889.00

#### LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

The exports of Alberta animal products to the United States in the year 1927 amounted to \$9,120,305.00, an increase of 17% over the year 1926.

There has been a re-distribution of livestock through the gradual increase in mixed farming. The number of animals on ranches or large farms has been reduced, and the grain farmer has increased his stock holdings. This wider distribution to the smaller farmers of the Province has now been effected in the establishment of more general mixed farming conditions. A steady growth, therefore, may be looked for in the increase of livestock in the Province in the years to come.

There has been some increase in the raising of hogs in the last decade, while the place of sheep on the farm has been maintained. Poultry-raising, too, has become popular with farmers in recent years. Over seventy thousand farmers now report flocks of poultry, and the number of all classes of poultry has almost doubled in the past ten years. This increase is no doubt largely due to improved methods, and to the operation of killing

and marketing services at Edmonton, Calgary and other large centres. Co-operative marketing has resulted in a more dependable cash market for all egg and poultry products, and better handling services and cold storage facilities have prevented the glutting of the market during peak periods of production.

#### DAIRYING, 1927

With regard to dairying, Alberta's production of milk, butter and cheese was valued at \$20,750,000 for the past year. This represents a reduction of approximately five per cent. in value and six per cent. in terms of total milk production, as compared with the figures for 1926. The somewhat higher average prices realized for creamery butter, namely, 35 cents per pound, as against 33 cents per pound for 1926, helped to offset to some extent the reduction in volume.

There were one hundred creameries in operation in Alberta last year and, according to preliminary returns, their combined butter output was 16,425,000 pounds. Twelve cheese factories were operated, and reported a cheese production of 849,000 pounds—a decrease of over forty per cent. For the first time in several years there was no butter exported from Alberta to the British market in 1927.

The production of creamery butter and factory cheese represents approximately one-third of the quantity of the milk produced in the Province, and it is interesting to note from returns received by the Department that, while the general decline in the output of creamery butter was 17½%, the figures for the area lying South of Red Deer show a drop of fourteen per cent. and the area North of Red Deer twenty per cent. The creameries that are situated within a radius of fifty miles from Lethbridge reported a decreased production of only five per cent. There are, on the other hand, districts of a somewhat similar area that show a reduction of more than twenty per cent. in creamery butter output for the year.

The causes of this temporary set-back to dairying appear to be mainly the favourable grain crop prospects and markets and the comparatively high beef prices during the year. These conditions enabled many of our farmers, whose dairy operations have now become more or less incidental to their main business, to make a profitable disposal of cows that had given indifferent service as milk producers.

The decreased production is only an ebb in the tide of the general advancement of the dairying industry, covering twenty-five years of progress. This temporary set-back may have the effect of stimulating and supporting our efforts to make dairying more profitable through a closer study of production costs.

#### VARIOUS RESOURCES

There are a number of activities that occupy the people of the Province, which, though subsidiary in importance to Agriculture, are well worthy of attention in our summary of the annual productive statistics of the Province.

The Northern fisheries of Alberta, for example, in the year 1926 produced over nine million pounds of fish, of a value of \$867,000.00. Five years previously little more than half of this amount was produced.

The lumber industry, too, has an annual production of approximately one million dollars, and when the timber resources of the Province become fully known, and transportation facilities are provided, this industry is capable of great expansion.

Tourist traffic at a conservative estimate is responsible for putting into circulation thirty million dollars of new money annually. With the improvement of our highway system, this traffic may be expected to yield ever increasing returns.

The coal-mining industry with its present limited market has produced 6,936,780 tons of the various qualities of coal at an estimated valuation of \$22,267,064.00. With the expectation of a wider market, the future of coal-mining in the Province is most promising.

The utilization of our gas resources increased during the year, and the exploration for oil has resulted in discoveries that place beyond doubt the existence of oil fields of great potential value.

In its game resources the Province is richly endowed. The value of the fur pelts exported in 1927 was over four million dollars, and many non-resident sportsmen have been attracted by the opportunities for big game hunting which the Province affords.

To the end that our game resources should not become depleted, provision has been made for their protection, particularly by the establishment of reserves in the mountain regions. By persevering in such measures, it is to be hoped that the game supply for the future will be assured.

#### INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Coincident with agricultural development in this Province, there is one phase of progress to which more and more attention will have to be paid as time goes on. This is the matter of industrial development. Progress in this field has shown a very large increase. In 1906 the number of industrial establishments in the Province was 97, in 1921, 282, in 1924, 739; and the annual production of industry during that period has increased from approximately five million to sixty-five million dollars. This growth still continues. Coal, oil, gas and hydro-electric energy are available in large quantities for the production of cheap power and as a great diversity of raw materials is also present, we have apparently the perfect combination which insures an extensive and stable development in industry.

## IMMIGRATION

The desire to have a piece of land of one's own seems to be universal among all people regardless of station.

In the Peace River country this Province has the last great area of rich farm land now open for settlement in Canada. A Canadian statesman recently gave the following advice:

"Go North, young man!" is the slogan of the future, and the task of Canada and Canadians now is to continually apply ourselves in an endeavour to broaden the band of our population . . . This Northern trend will produce an ever widening opportunity for young Canadians in closing the gap between the East and West, and will tend to balance the economic value of Canada as a whole."

I do not know that any of our resources can be developed with less outlay and more economic benefit to the Province than this matter of proper and well-directed settlement, for there is not only the direct advantage received through increasing our subsidies on account of population, but new lands are brought under taxation, thereby reducing the per capita cost of carrying on the business of government, and relieving the burden of imposts on a population that at present is too limited and scattered. In the last calendar year—1927—the number of immigrants amounted to 15,424. This figure could be increased many times over with advantage to this Province.

## PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

I shall now take up the statement of our financial operations in the past year.

At the last Session of the Legislature the fiscal year was changed to end March 31st instead of December 31st. Interim Public Accounts are being prepared for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1927, and the final accounts for the fiscal period ending March 31st, 1928, will be placed before you at the next Session.

The Interim Public Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1927, show a deficit of \$215,980.33 as compared with an estimated surplus of \$26,178.49. It is interesting to note that Income cash receipts exceeded payments by \$57,778.80.\* On the basis of accounting methods in force up to the end of 1923 there would have been a surplus of that amount. Accounts payable, including accrued interest on debenture debt, are now charged against appropriations of the year in which the liability is incurred, irrespective of the actual date of payment, the accounts of the Province being held open for the purpose.

Revenue on Income Account for 1927 was \$12,263,400.64,† against an estimated revenue of \$12,501,046.54, or \$237,645.90 less than what we expected.

\* See Statement No. 2 (Income Section), Page 17.

† See Statement No. 1, Page 16.

Expenditure amounted to \$12,479,380.97 against the estimate of \$12,474,868.05, an increase of \$4,512.92, summarized as follows:

	Balance Legislative Appropriations	Additional Expenditure under Special Warrants	Net Under or Over Expenditure
Public Debt.....	\$100,787.27		<i>\$100,787.27</i>
Executive Council .....	2,915.35	\$15,974.72	13,059.37
Legislation .....	3,162.58	997.46	<i>2,165.12</i>
Agriculture Department .....		16,556.28	16,556.28
Attorney General's Department.....		17,665.54	17,665.54
Education Department .....	2,574.56	375.00	<i>2,199.56</i>
Municipal Affairs Department.....	33,300.84		<i>33,300.84</i>
Provincial Secretary's Department	2,454.50	14,867.28	12,412.78
Public Health Department.....		41,451.75	41,451.75
Public Works Department.....	23,132.76	36,491.78	13,359.02
Railways Branch .....		19,470.59	19,470.59
Treasury Department .....		8,990.38	8,990.38
	\$168,327.86	\$172,840.78	\$ 4,512.92

Figures in italics refer to "Net Under."

Expenditure under Special Warrants, unforeseen at the time the estimates were passed by the Legislature, consists principally of maintenance of main highways, increased expenditure on hospitals, commission under The Gasoline Vendors' Tax Act and miscellaneous items as will be set forth in detail in Statement No. 3A of the Interim Public Accounts.

#### REVENUE

On the revenue side, the actual results, as compared with the estimates, show a decrease of \$237,645.90.

PARTICULARS:	Less Than Estimates	In Excess of Estimates
Dominion of Canada .....	\$ 95,681.22	
Agriculture Department .....	66,288.97	
Attorney General's Department.....		\$323,091.35
Education Department .....		19,151.16
Executive Council .....	147,522.47	
Legislation .....	1,129.43	
Municipal Affairs Department.....	374,591.86	
Provincial Secretary's Department.....		48,712.62
Public Health Department.....		327.30
Public Works Department.....		1,379.75
Railways & Telephones Dept. (Rlys. Branch)	635.05	
Treasury Department .....		55,540.92
	\$237,645.90 (net)	

Revenue received from the Dominion of Canada in connection with the interest on school lands fund was short of the estimates by \$80,434.82 and the amount received for the subsidy on population was \$15,246.40 less than what we expected.

Miscellaneous revenues of the Department of Agriculture decreased by \$66,288.97 and revenue from the Mine Owners Tax showed a shrinkage of \$160,148.26.



Municipal Affairs revenue decreased by \$374,591.86, due to decreased collections of supplementary revenue, wild lands, and educational taxes.

Liquor profits realized \$184,361.62 and Succession Duties \$133,859.12 in excess of the estimates.

Miscellaneous revenues of the Department of Education increased by \$19,151.16.

Revenue of the Provincial Secretary's Department shows a general increase amounting to \$48,712.62, arising principally from increased receipts from the sale of automobile licenses.

Accounts payable at December 31, 1927, were charged to the expenditure of that year. They amounted to \$1,601,270.25 as compared with \$1,327,511.12 at the end of the year 1926. By providing for these accounts the cash surplus, \$57,778.80, was changed to a deficit of \$215,980.33.

Revenue collected in 1927 in respect of 1928 business amounted to \$440,187.57 and was excluded from the 1927 accounts.

#### PUBLIC DEBT

Passing on now to the Public Debt, the year 1927 witnessed a continuance of the downward trend of interest rates, the average cost of permanent borrowings during the year being at the rate of 4.72%. The yield basis of the several issues varied from 4.87 early in the year to 4.49 on our last issue toward the close of the year.

I made the statement in my last year's Budget that there was every probability of our being able to borrow money on a 4½% basis before long, and it is gratifying to know that we have already gone below that figure. I think we are safe in predicting that in the current year the average borrowing rate will be further reduced, and that our average on this year's borrowings will not exceed a yield rate of 4.25%.

The total borrowings during the year 1927 amounted to \$9,664,500.00,\* of which \$5,239,500.00, together with sinking funds applicable thereto, was for refunding \$5,500,000.00 debentures of the Province, maturing on July 1st, 1927, and \$107,197.96 for the purchase of £23,192 November 1st, 1943, Registered Stock, which has been cancelled.

The total net bonded debt as at December 31st, 1927, amounts to \$87,976,899.58,† this being apportioned \$66,032,949.63 as to General Revenue and \$21,943,949.95 as to Telephones. The total net increase over the previous year is \$3,507,292.26.

The sinking funds of the Province have been maintained in accordance with our established practice. All payments into the Sinking Fund under The Highways Act are at such a rate as will be sufficient together with accretions to redeem the debentures at maturity. On all other issues we have maintained the usual

\* See Statement No. 3B, Page 20.

† For details of Bonded Debt see Statements 3 and 3A, Pages 18 and 19.

rate of one-half of one per cent. per annum. The policy of re-funding our loans as they mature on a long term basis is being adhered to as far as is expedient. Under this policy the practice of setting aside one-half of one per cent. annually produces a substantial reduction of the principal at maturity. The amount of funds in the Sinking Fund as at December 31st last, was \$2,913,558.17.\*

#### ALBERTA SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

Supplementary to the statement of Bonded Debt is the sale of Savings Certificates.

While the volume of business transacted in the Savings Certificates Branch during the past year was second only to the year 1926, the net amount of deposits is smaller than any year since 1923. The net amount on deposit as at December 31st last was \$10,448,986.31, so that the total increase over the previous year amounts to only \$339,938.99. The reduction in deposits during this period was due almost entirely to the change in the interest rate from 4½% to 4%, which took place on July 1st last.

The ratio of overhead expense is still maintained at a low level, being .175 of 1% in 1927. This is a slight increase over the 1926 rate, which was .1398. The increased cost is due to the additional advertising necessary when the change of interest rates went into effect.

In January, 1928, the net amount deposited was \$556,064.47, indicating that the year 1928 will be an unusually busy one for the Savings Certificates Branch.

#### SPECIAL INVESTMENT FUND

The Special Investment Fund of the Treasury Department is still maintained as a profitable service.

Last year I was able to report a profit of \$35,000 on the operation of this fund for the year 1926. During the year 1927 this fund has been particularly active, resulting in a profit of considerably more than twice that of 1926. The total income from this investment fund for the period ended December 31st, 1927, was \$219,079.69. The profit on sales alone amounts to over \$50,000 and the excess interest earnings over the cost of money employed accounts for another \$30,000.00.

It will therefore be seen that this fund has justified the objects for which it was established. The aims of this fund are three-fold:

- (1) To provide securities in advance for the requirements of the Sinking Fund.
- (2) To establish a reserve against Savings Certificates outstanding.
- (3) To meet the necessity which occasionally arises of investing unemployed funds, until such time as they may be required.

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\* For details of Sinking Fund see Statements Nos. 4 and 4A, Pages 21 and 22.

## TAXATION

The years 1926 and 1927 have been marked by new efforts on the part of the Province to investigate thoroughly the subject of taxation. To this end an Advisory Committee on Taxation was appointed in April, 1926. The report of this Committee has now been laid before you.

It must be remembered that this report is the result of almost two years of intensive work. While many of its conclusions may differ from our accepted ideas, we shall only be able to approach the report in a spirit of critical analysis after exhaustive study of the material has been made. For this reason immediate action on the recommendations cannot be expected. From a cursory reading, however, it is evident that valuable data on taxation have been gathered from all available sources, and that the assembling and classifying of material will be of inestimable value to the governments of Canada.

The results of this investigation will be welcomed by all students of taxation, since no previous attempt has been made locally to make a thorough study of taxation problems.

The compiling of such a large amount of statistical material on the subject of taxation in this Province and in other provinces of Canada, and in the United States, will give coherence to our knowledge of, as well as stimulating further research into, certain phases of the problem.

The inter-provincial conference which took place at Ottawa last year served a somewhat similar purpose, with the additional advantage that the taxation problems of each of the provinces were freely discussed before the only body capable of bringing about action with respect to the re-alignment and re-adjustment of taxation as between the provinces and the Dominion. The beneficial results of this conference are already beginning to be apparent. This Government, for the time being at least, is satisfied with the interest shown by the Dominion Government in our problems, and is confident too that action will be taken in the alleviation of some of the burdens which this Government contends should not be borne entirely by the people of this Province.

In a recent study made by an independent institution with regard to provincial taxation, it was disclosed that in the provinces West of Quebec, Alberta has the lowest ratio of taxation compared with its net production. This record has been maintained over the years 1923, 1924 and 1925; and in the year 1927, only two provinces in all Canada show a lower ratio than Alberta.

## CO-OPERATIVE CREDITS AND FARM LOANS

Under The Co-operative Credit Act there were thirty-five societies in full operation during the past year, an increase of two over the previous years.

Advances made through these societies, including the carry-over from previous years, amounted to \$1,286,929.69, of which \$639,910.69 was repaid up to December 31st, 1927, or a repay-

ment of 49.72%. Owing to the very unfavourable weather conditions during the harvest season and the unusually early winter, collections were retarded at least from six weeks to two months, as shown by the fact that over \$100,000.00 was paid during January of this year. Many members of the societies have not yet finished threshing. A considerable number of carloads of grain shipped in the joint names of the borrower and the Society have not been graded, so the returns have not yet come in; while in many cases the borrower has been unable to haul his grain owing to congestion at the elevators.

The guarantee of the Province is safeguarded by the interim and final payments from the Wheat Pool on hundreds of thousands of bushels of wheat, in addition to the above mentioned unsold grain. Furthermore, there are additional elements of protection in the customary liens, the local reserve fund of the various societies, the share capital of the members now invested in Savings Certificates and held by the Provincial Treasurer, amounting to \$93,664.19, the Central Reserve Fund in the custody of the Provincial Treasurer of \$11,001.46, and in some cases the guarantee of the municipality of the district in which the societies are located. You will please note that these securities are increasing from year to year at a steady rate. Altogether the Co-operative Credits service is continuing to maintain its stability and increase its usefulness.

In placing on the Statute Books an Act to permit this Province to take advantage of the provisions of The Canadian Farm Loans Act, 1927, the Government feels that an important step has been taken, which will lead to much needed improvement in providing for the rational development of agriculture in this Province.

#### ESTIMATES 1928-1929

You have before you the printed estimates, covering the estimated revenue and expenditure on both Income and Capital Accounts for the fiscal year, April 1st, 1928, to March 31st, 1929. Dealing with the expenditure on Income Account for this period, it will be noticed that the estimated expenditure for 1928-29 exceeds the actual of the calendar year ended December 31st, 1927, by \$782,878.73.\* An analysis of the estimated expenditure by departments reveals the following: There is an increase in Public Debt charges, which is uncontrollable, of \$189,248.91. In the Executive Council there is a saving of \$12,283.37, due to decrease in expenditure for extension of coal markets, and to travelling expenses. Legislation shows a small decrease of \$2,272.27. The Department of Agriculture accounts for an increase of \$77,811.49, made up chiefly of increased expenditure on destruction of Noxious Weeds; a new appropriation for Fur Farms amounting to \$10,000.00, which, however, is off-set by new revenue; and an expenditure of \$32,690.00 for the administration of The Debt Adjustment Act, this having been transferred to the Agriculture Department from the Department of the Attorney General. The decrease of \$41,606.63 in the Department of the Attorney General, is chiefly due to the transfer of the appropriation just mentioned.

\* See Statement No. 5, Page 23.

The Education Department will be increased by \$95,118.48, accounted for by an increase in School Grants, University of Alberta, Institute of Technology, Free School Texts, and a new appropriation making provision for a Normal School at Edmonton. In the Municipal Affairs there is an expected increase of \$12,613.84, representing chiefly an increase of \$6,126.08 for commissions and charges under the Supplementary, Wild Lands and Educational Tax Acts, and \$3,768.74 under Land Forfeiture proceedings. There will be a small increase in the Provincial Secretary's Department, mostly due to increased commission on Gasoline Vendors' Tax. The Department of Public Health shows an increase of \$204,180.25. Of this amount \$110,500.00 is accounted for by showing gross instead of net salaries in institutions, the revenue arising from these institutions being correspondingly increased; the new service of Traveling Clinic inaugurated last year will require a further \$16,000, and a new appropriation for the Provincial Special Hospital accounts for \$64,404.00. The Public Works Department will expend \$233,794.78 more on maintenance of Main Highways than in 1927, and this chiefly accounts for the increase of \$268,253.19 in that Department. The Railways Branch will need less by \$28,034.34 for the coming fiscal year. The Treasury Department shows an increase of \$10,411.66 due to the appropriation to cover salary increases in the service. This amount, however, if and when expended will be distributed throughout the different departments and branches of the service. The increase insofar as the Treasury Department itself is concerned, is therefore only apparent.

Turning now to the Revenue side, the anticipated net total increase over 1927 actual revenues amounts to \$1,010,213.98. Under the heading, Dominion of Canada, there is an expected increase of \$95,681.22, arising partly from increase in population grant, but chiefly from School Lands. It is estimated that Agriculture Department will furnish more revenue by \$89,626.88 than in 1927. The chief items of increase in this Department are Fur Farm Leases, \$24,000.00, Agricultural Schools Act, \$32,000.00, Provincial Farms Revenue, \$7,300.00, Livestock Encouragement interest, \$8,200.00 and General, \$18,126.88.

The Attorney General's Department is expected to be less by \$12,491.35, and the Education Department increased by \$11,598.84. Under the Executive Council there is an increase of \$159,102.47, The Mine Owners' Tax Act chiefly accounting for the increase.

There is a small decrease under Legislation. In the Municipal Affairs Department there is an increase of \$155,091.86, made up of increased collections under the Supplementary Revenue, Educational and Wild Lands Tax Acts. It is estimated that the Provincial Secretary's Department will contribute \$400,638.40 more revenue than in 1927, the increase being accounted for chiefly by increased revenue from the Gasoline Tax, Vehicles and Public Highways Tax Acts and to a lesser degree by the Railway Mileage Tax, Corporations Tax, Theatre and Amusement Tax Acts.

I referred to the new policy of showing gross salaries instead of net salaries in the institutions administered by the Public

Health Department. The difference is reflected in an increase of revenue in this Department and chiefly accounts for the amount of \$166,071.70 over the actual of 1927; the other contributing items are increased revenue from Travelling Clinics of \$15,560, and a new item, Maintenance Fees from Provincial Special Hospital, amounting to \$32,000.

In Public Works there is an expected increase of \$19,020.25 over 1927, also in great part an offset to the gross salaries shown in institutions under Public Health.

The Treasury Department revenue will be less by \$73,985.77, which may be attributed to fluctuation in miscellaneous items of revenue, but for the most part to a decrease in the profits of working funds, which last year included the profits of several years.

The summary of the revenues on Income Account for the fiscal period 1928-29 shows a grand total of \$13,273,613.62, and the expenditure, \$13,262,259.70, so that there will be a small surplus of \$11,354.92. This result has been brought about only after careful revision and drastic pruning of the estimates of expenditure as originally submitted.

#### CAPITAL EXPENDITURE 1928-29

The total Capital requirements for the fiscal year 1928-29, as shown in the estimates, amount to \$7,854,930.37. There will also be other Capital items to be taken into account, such as the discount on bond flotations.

On the Revenue side the ordinary Capital receipts will be \$1,656,738.74. There will also be the payment on account of the Lacombe & Northwestern Railway of \$1,500,000.00, and other smaller items, which I need not refer to in detail.

The net requirements on Capital Account are estimated at \$5,600,000.00, which amount will be raised by way of loan as required from time to time in the course of the current year.

#### CONCLUSION

In reviewing the economic affairs of the Province for the past year, it would appear that the most significant fact is the general reduction of individual indebtedness throughout the Province. This process has been going on gradually during the three years past. There seems, too, to be more money in the hands of the farmers after meeting their current liabilities than perhaps in any previous year of the Province's history.

Prominent Canadians have repeatedly expressed the opinion that the year 1927 will go down in history as Alberta's year. Many of the statistics I have given you today bear out this opinion.

Apart from the good yields of the year, other factors have contributed to the feeling of well being that prevails in the rural areas. The continued success of the Wheat Pool, the increasing use of the Western route and the re-adjustment of freight rates all have added to the spirit of contentment. The freight

rate question was more than a matter of dollars and cents. The fact that it was regarded as an injustice accounts for the general satisfaction that followed its adjustment.

With all this, I am doubtful if we have yet reached the crest of our immediate prosperity, since there are large quantities of grain from last year's harvest, that have not yet been marketed, and a considerable amount of capital has still to be released from the sale of livestock after the feeding period has been completed.

The Right Honourable L. C. Amery on his recent visit to the Province made a very interesting statement, which I am sure captivated most of us by its originality, since one hardly expects people living at remote distances from us to add to our knowledge of our own Province. His statement was that Northern Alberta is as near to London as Toronto, and that practically all of Canada is nearer to London than New York is. These remarks were made in connection with the proposed establishment of an experimental air line next summer with Edmonton as the Northern depot of a great British Airship Service. While the feasibility of this service is still to be proved, its success would be a feature in our development that has interesting possibilities, since the prospective air routes of the world may mean much in the trade of the future.

The measure of prosperity achieved is legitimate ground for satisfaction; but does not justify extravagance in either public or private expenditures. What has already been won has been at the cost of strenuous endeavor, and can only be retained by the continued exercise of thrift. It is essential for the future well-being of this Province and its citizens that new liabilities for non-essential things, which in themselves may be very desirable, should not be incurred until our financial position has become strong enough to assume the burden without over-loading.

I now move, Mr. Speaker, that this House resolve itself into Committee of Supply for the consideration of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

## STATEMENT No. 1

## GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

## SUMMARIZED COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1927

REVENUE:	Actual	Estimates	Less than Estimates	In excess of Estimates
Dominion of Canada.....	\$ 2,278,260.98	\$ 2,373,942.20	\$ 95,681.22	.....
Agriculture Dept. ....	283,699.00	349,987.97	66,288.97	.....
Attorney General's Dept. ...	3,673,641.35	3,350,550.00	.....	\$323,091.35
Education Dept. ....	229,011.16	209,860.00	.....	19,151.16
Executive Council .....	131,472.53	278,995.00	147,522.47	.....
Legislation . ....	2,295.57	3,425.00	1,129.43	.....
Municipal Affairs Dept. ....	1,616,908.14	1,991,500.00	374,591.86	.....
Provincial Secretary's Dept....	3,120,786.60	3,072,073.98	.....	48,712.62
Public Health Dept. ....	280,302.30	279,975.00	.....	327.30
Public Works Dept.....	69,779.75	68,400.00	.....	1,379.75
Railways and Telephones				
Dept., Railways Branch...	364.95	1,000.00	635.05	.....
Treasury Dept. ....	576,878.31	521,337.39	.....	55,540.92
	\$12,263,400.64	\$12,501,046.54	\$237,645.90 (net)	.....
<b>EXPENDITURE:</b>				
Public Debt .....	\$ 4,549,167.13	\$ 4,649,954.40	\$100,787.27	.....
Executive Council .....	352,228.37	339,169.00	.....	\$ 13,059.37
Legislation . ....	185,372.27	187,537.39	2,165.12	.....
Agriculture Dept. ....	663,632.51	647,076.23	.....	16,556.28
Attorney General's Dept. ....	1,554,126.54	1,536,461.00	.....	17,665.54
Education Dept. ....	2,220,376.22	2,222,575.78	2,199.56	.....
Municipal Affairs Dept.....	205,711.16	239,012.00	33,300.84	.....
Provincial Secretary's Dept..	71,057.73	58,645.00	.....	12,412.73
Public Health Dept.....	1,054,260.75	1,012,809.00	.....	41,451.75
Public Works Dept.....	1,329,783.81	1,316,424.79	.....	13,359.02
Railways and Telephones				
Dept., Railways Branch ..	66,150.59	46,680.00	.....	19,470.59
Treasury Dept. ....	227,513.84	218,523.46	.....	8,990.38
	\$12,479,380.97	\$12,474,868.05	.....	\$ 4,512.92 (net)
<b>DEFICIT for the year 1927.....</b>				
	Actual Deficit	Estimated Surplus	Deficit in Excess of Estimated Surplus	
	\$215,980.33	\$26,178.49	\$242,158.82	

Certified correct,

JAMES C. THOMPSON, C.A.,  
Provincial Auditor.



## STATEMENT No. 2

## GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS  
AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 1927

## GENERAL REVENUE FUND

	Receipts	Payments
Balance December 31, 1926,		
cash overdraft .....		\$ 469,098.87
INCOME ACCOUNT:		
Dominion of Canada .....	\$2,278,260.98	
Public Debt .....		\$4,319,906.10
Agriculture Dept. ....	283,699.00	650,402.70
Attorney General's Dept. ....	3,673,641.35	1,536,030.61
Education Dept. ....	229,011.16	2,214,649.63
Executive Council .....	131,472.53	350,746.56
Legislation .....	2,295.57	183,918.98
Municipal Affairs Dept. ....	1,616,908.14	205,719.33
Provincial Secretary's Dept. ...	3,120,786.60	70,006.30
Public Health Dept. ....	280,302.30	1,051,480.63
Public Works Dept. ....	69,779.75	1,327,460.01
Railways and Telephones Dept.,		
Railways Branch .....	364.95	66,255.35
Treasury Dept. ....	576,878.31	229,045.59
	\$12,263,400.64	12,205,621.84
CAPITAL ACCOUNT:		
Agriculture Dept. ....	\$ 180,363.35	\$ 65,398.70
Attorney General's Dept. ....	45.00	
Education Dept. ....	135,238.31	147,758.43
Executive Council .....	207,554.88	60,757.35
Municipal Affairs Dept. ....	184,891.96	27,747.35
Public Health Dept. ....	4,744.88	30,765.48
Public Works Dept. ....	504,045.79	2,286,762.80
Railways and Telephones Dept.,		
Railways Branch .....	106,403.49	2,273,607.05
Treasury Dept. ....	7,147,463.16	1,353,864.82
	8,470,750.82	6,246,661.98
STATUTORY .....	18,104,254.01	19,419,703.40
Balance December 31, 1927 ....		497,319.38
	\$38,838,405.47	\$38,838,405.47

Certified correct,

JAMES C. THOMPSON, C.A.,  
Provincial Auditor.

## STATEMENT No. 3.

## GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

## STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1927

Date of Issue	Date of Maturity	Amount	Int. Rate	Sinking Fund			Net Debt		
				General Revenue	Telephones		General Revenue	Telephones	
June 1, 1908	June 1, 1938	\$2,000,000.00	4%	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Converted Stock	Nov. 1, 1942	55,236.67	4½%	11,047.34	203,311.63	9,922.56	1,796,888.37	39,748.80	
Registered Stock	Nov. 1, 1943	3,232,290.40	4½%	3,232,290.40	44,189.33	4,440.53	39,748.80	1,109,980.47	
June 1, 1918	June 1, 1928	825,000.00	6%	125,000.00	1,292,916.17	278,134.93	1,661,232.30	659,157.71	
Jan. 1, 1919	Jan. 1, 1929	1,000,000.00	5½%	1,000,000.00	7,000,000.00	7,333.09	1,117,616.91	948,863.18	
Dec. 15, 1919	Dec. 15, 1929	3,000,000.00	5½%	2,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	51,136.82	1,913,195.77	957,113.25	
May 1, 1920	May 1, 1930	1,000,000.00	6%	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	86,804.23	956,613.49	957,081.27	
Aug. 16, 1920	Aug. 16, 1930	2,000,000.00	6%	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	43,386.51	956,613.49	957,081.27	
Nov. 1, 1920	Nov. 1, 1930	1,000,000.00	6%	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	43,434.56	956,613.49	957,081.27	
Jan. 1, 1921	Jan. 1, 1931	3,200,000.00	8%	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	36,129.77	963,870.33	964,283.33	
Apr. 1, 1921	Apr. 1, 1931	3,200,000.00	8%	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	36,129.77	963,870.33	964,283.33	
May 1, 1921	May 1, 1931	1,000,000.00	8%	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	35,716.67	963,870.33	964,283.33	
Sept. 1, 1921	Sept. 1, 1931	2,100,000.00	8%	2,100,000.00	2,200,000.00	78,696.84	2,121,303.16	2,121,303.16	
Oct. 1, 1921	Oct. 1, 1931	2,280,000.00	8%	2,280,000.00	2,280,000.00	76,083.76	2,280,000.00	2,280,000.00	
Oct. 1, 1921	Oct. 1, 1931	1,800,000.00	6%	1,800,000.00	1,800,000.00	81,536.56	1,800,000.00	1,800,000.00	
Nov. 1, 1921	Nov. 1, 1931	1,800,000.00	6%	1,800,000.00	1,800,000.00	81,536.56	1,800,000.00	1,800,000.00	
Dec. 1, 1921	Dec. 1, 1931	1,800,000.00	6%	1,800,000.00	1,800,000.00	81,536.56	1,800,000.00	1,800,000.00	
Jan. 1, 1922	Jan. 1, 1932	3,846,000.00	5½%	3,846,000.00	3,846,000.00	36,131.44	3,846,000.00	3,846,000.00	
Apr. 1, 1922	Apr. 1, 1932	3,000,000.00	5½%	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	15,216.59	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	
Sept. 1, 1922	Sept. 1, 1932	2,948,000.00	5½%	2,948,000.00	2,948,000.00	54,367.33	2,948,000.00	2,948,000.00	
Jan. 1, 1923	Jan. 1, 1933	4,800,000.00	5%	4,800,000.00	4,800,000.00	88,334.29	4,800,000.00	4,800,000.00	
Apr. 1, 1923	Apr. 1, 1933	3,500,000.00	5%	3,500,000.00	3,500,000.00	21,491.41	3,500,000.00	3,500,000.00	
July 1, 1923	July 1, 1933	2,000,000.00	5%	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	109,786.44	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	
Nov. 1, 1923	Nov. 1, 1933	6,000,000.00	5½%	6,000,000.00	6,000,000.00	45,744.35	6,000,000.00	6,000,000.00	
Jan. 15, 1924	Jan. 15, 1934	2,500,000.00	5%	2,500,000.00	2,500,000.00	41,571.13	2,500,000.00	2,500,000.00	
Feb. 15, 1924	Feb. 15, 1934	500,000.00	5%	500,000.00	500,000.00	8,314.22	500,000.00	500,000.00	
Feb. 15, 1924	Feb. 15, 1934	2,000,000.00	5%	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	33,256.90	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	
June 1, 1924	June 1, 1934	750,000.00	5%	750,000.00	750,000.00	118,391.09	750,000.00	750,000.00	
July 1, 1924	July 1, 1934	250,000.00	5%	250,000.00	250,000.00	4,157.11	250,000.00	250,000.00	
Sept. 1, 1924	Sept. 1, 1934	1,000,000.00	4½%	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	16,628.45	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	
Oct. 1, 1924	Oct. 1, 1934	3,740,000.00	5%	3,740,000.00	3,740,000.00	35,330.09	3,740,000.00	3,740,000.00	
Apr. 1, 1925	Apr. 1, 1935	1,800,000.00	5%	1,800,000.00	1,800,000.00	14,037.70	1,800,000.00	1,800,000.00	
June 1, 1925	June 1, 1935	500,000.00	5%	500,000.00	500,000.00	5,398.85	500,000.00	500,000.00	
July 1, 1925	July 1, 1935	2,250,000.00	4½%	2,250,000.00	2,250,000.00	7,250.00	2,250,000.00	2,250,000.00	
Feb. 15, 1925	Feb. 15, 1935	750,000.00	4½%	750,000.00	750,000.00	7,250.00	750,000.00	750,000.00	
Feb. 15, 1925	Feb. 15, 1935	3,750,000.00	4½%	3,750,000.00	3,750,000.00	36,944.61	3,750,000.00	3,750,000.00	
Jan. 15, 1926	Jan. 15, 1936	6,000,000.00	4½%	6,000,000.00	6,000,000.00	19,724.11	6,000,000.00	6,000,000.00	
Oct. 1, 1926	Oct. 1, 1936	546,000.00	4½%	546,000.00	546,000.00	35,181.64	546,000.00	546,000.00	
Jan. 15, 1927	Jan. 15, 1937	1,275,000.00	4½%	1,275,000.00	1,275,000.00	2,871.83	1,275,000.00	1,275,000.00	
Jan. 15, 1927	Jan. 15, 1937	1,250,000.00	4½%	1,250,000.00	1,250,000.00	9,073.84	1,250,000.00	1,250,000.00	
June 1, 1927	June 1, 1937	5,239,500.00	4½%	5,239,500.00	5,239,500.00	9,073.84	5,239,500.00	5,239,500.00	
Dec. 1, 1927	Dec. 1, 1937	1,850,000.00	4%	1,850,000.00	1,850,000.00	50,000.00	1,850,000.00	1,850,000.00	
July 1, 1927	July 1, 1937	50,000.00	4½%	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	
Less: Total Sinking Funds.....		\$80,890,457.75		\$67,971,040.33	\$22,919,417.42	\$	\$66,022,949.63	\$21,943,949.95	
Total Net Bonded Debt Dec. 31, 1927.....		\$87,976,899.58		\$1,938,090.70	\$975,467.47	\$	\$86,038,808.85	\$85,972,957.42	

## STATEMENT No. 3A.

## GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

DETAILS OF STOCK AND DEBENTURE ISSUES  
OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31, 1927

Maturity	Authority (Chapter)	Rate % Where Payable	Amount Outstanding
REGISTERED STOCK:			
Nov. 1, 1942	21,1911-12	4 L.	\$ 55,236.67
Nov. 1, 1943	21, 1913	4½ L.	3,088,957.06
DEBENTURES:			
June 1, 1938	14, 1908	4 M., T., E., L.	2,000,200.00
Nov. 1, 1943	21, 1913	4½ M., T., E.	133,333.34
June 1, 1928	2, 1917	6 M., T., E., N.Y., L.	825,000.00
Jan. 1, 1939	2, 1918	5½ M., T., E., N.Y.	1,000,000.00
Dec. 15, 1929	2, 1919	5½ M., T., E., N.Y.	3,000,000.00
May 1, 1930	2, 1919	6 M., T., E.	1,000,000.00
Aug. 16, 1930	2, 1920	6 M., T., E., N.Y.	2,000,000.00
Nov. 1, 1930	2, 1920	6 M., T., E., N.Y.	1,000,000.00
Jan. 15, 1936	2 & 6, 1920	6 M., T., E.,	2,000,000.00
April 1, 1936	2, 1921	6 M., T., E.	3,200,000.00
May 1, 1931	2, 1921	6 M., T., E.	1,000,000.00
Sept. 1, 1931	54, 1921	6 M., T., E., N.Y.	2,100,000.00
Sept. 1, 1941	55, 56, 64, 1921	6 M., T., E.	2,250,000.00
Oct. 1, 1941	2, 1921	6 M., T., E.	1,800,000.00
Oct. 1, 1941	65, 1921	6 M., T., E.	1,053,230.68
Nov. 1, 1936	2, 1921	6 M., T., E.	1,250,000.00
Dec. 1, 1941	42, R.S.A.	6 M., T., E., N.Y.	700,000.00
Jan. 1, 1947	3, 1921	5½ M., T., E., N.Y.	3,846,000.00
April 1, 1952	2, 1922	5½ M., T., E., N.Y.	3,000,000.00
Sept. 15, 1942	42, R.S.A.	5 M., T., E., N.Y.	2,948,000.00
Jan. 1, 1948	2 & 3, 1922	5 M., T., E., N.Y.	4,800,000.00
April 1, 1943	42, R.S.A.	5 M., T., E., N.Y.	3,500,000.00
July 1, 1943	42, R.S.A.	5 M., T., E., L.	2,000,000.00
Nov. 1, 1928-32	42, R.S.A.	5½ M., T., E., N.Y.	6,000,000.00
Jan. 15, 1939	3 & 4, 1925	5 M., T., E., N.Y.	2,500,000.00
Feb. 15, 1940	{ 56, R.S.A.	5 M., T., E., W., V.	2,000,000.00
Feb. 15, 1974	{ & 15, 1924	5 E.	500,000.00
June 1, 1939	30, 1924	5 M., T., E.	750,000.00
Oct. 15, 1954	2, 1924	4½ M., T., E., W., Vic.	1,000,000.00
April 15, 1950	42, R.S.A.	5 M., T., E., N.Y.	3,740,000.00
June 15, 1975	53, 1925	5 E., Vic.	130,000.00
July 15, 1955	42, R.S.A.	5 M., T., E., N.Y.	500,000.00
June 15, 1945	2, 1924	4½ M., T., E., N.Y.	2,250,000.00
Feb. 15, 1940	30, 1924	5 M., T., E., Vic.	750,000.00
July 15, 1941	30, 1924	4½ M., T., E., N.Y., L.	750,000.00
Jan. 15, 1946	{ 2, 1925	4½ M., T., E., N.Y., L.	3,750,000.00
	{ & 42, R.S.A.		
Oct. 1, 1956	2, 1926	4½ M., T., E., N.Y.	6,000,000.00
	{ & 42, R.S.A.		
July 1, 1966	42, R.S.A.	4½ M., T., E., N.Y.	546,000.00
July 15, 1974	42, R.S.A.	5 E.	250,000.00
Sept. 1, 1939	42, R.S.A.	5 E.	250,000.00
Jan. 15, 1957	61, 1926	4½ M., T., E., Vic., N.Y.	1,275,000.00
Jan. 15, 1942	30, 1924	4½ M., T., E., Vic., N.Y.	1,250,000.00
June 1, 1967	42, R.S.A.	4½ V., Vic., E.	1,364,500.00
		M., T., E. }	
		Vic., N.Y. }	3,875,000.00
Dec. 1, 1957	2, 1927	4 M., T., E., C., V., N.Y.	1,850,000.00
July 1, 1942	2, 1927	4½ M., T., C., E., V., N.Y.	50,000.00

Abbreviations: M., Montreal; T., Toronto; E., Edmonton; L., London, Eng.; C., Calgary; N.Y., New York; W., Winnipeg; V., Vancouver; Vic., Victoria.

At all Canadian points debentures and stocks are redeemable as to principal and interest, at the Imperial Bank of Canada, in New York at the Bank of Manhattan Company, and in London, England, at Lloyd's Bank.

## STATEMENT No. 3B.

## GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

SUMMARY OF TRANSACTIONS RELATING TO  
NET BONDED DEBT, YEAR ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 1927

NET BONDED DEBT, December 31, 1926.....	\$84,469,607.32
DEDUCT, ISSUES REDEEMED 1927:	
July 1, 1927.....	\$ 3,500,000.00
July 1, 1927.....	2,000,000.00
1943 Stock .....	167,004.54
1942 Stock .....	1,703.33
	<u>5,668,707.87</u>
	\$78,800,899.45
ADD, NEW ISSUES 1927:	
Four and one-half per cent., thirty-year bonds, due Jan. 15, 1957, sold to A. E. Ames Co., yield rate to purchaser 4.87%.....	\$ 1,275,000.00
Four and one-half per cent., fifteen-year bonds, due Jan. 15, 1942, sold to A. E. Ames Co., yield rate to purchaser 4.897%.....	1,250,000.00
Four and one-half per cent., forty-year bonds, due June 1, 1967, sold to Dillon, Read & Co., Dominion Securities Corp., Workmen's Com- pensation Board of B. C., City of Victoria, and City of Vancouver, yield rate to pur- chaser 4.69% .....	5,239,500.00
Four per cent., thirty-year bonds, due Dec. 1, 1957, sold to the Canadian Bank of Commerce, yield to purchaser 4.49%.....	1,850,000.00
Four and one-half per cent., fifteen-year bonds, due July 1, 1942, sold to Canadian Rockies Hotel Co., yield rate to purchaser 4½%.....	50,000.00
	<u>9,664,500.00</u>
	\$88,465,399.45
DEDUCT: Increase on Sinking Funds During 1927 .....	488,499.87
NET BONDED DEBT, December 31, 1927.....	<u>\$87,976,899.58</u>

Certified correct,

JAMES C. THOMPSON, C.A.,  
Provincial Auditor.

## STATEMENT No. 4.

## GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

SINKING FUND BALANCE SHEET AS AT  
DECEMBER 31, 1927

## ASSETS.

Province of Alberta Debentures	General Revenue		Alberta Government Telephones		Total Book Value
	Par Value	Book Value	Par Value	Book Value	
June 1, 1928	\$ 300.00	\$ 301.19	.....	.....	\$ 301.19
May 1, 1930	130,300.00	132,600.35	.....	.....	132,600.35
Aug. 16, 1930	10,000.00	10,174.42	.....	.....	10,174.42
May 1, 1931	78,900.00	80,691.13	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,602.56	84,293.69
Sept. 1, 1931	19,000.00	19,479.13	.....	.....	19,479.13
Jan. 15, 1936	286,000.00	299,259.78	74,000.00	78,753.06	378,012.84
April 1, 1936	285,000.00	297,265.46	144,500.00	150,879.75	448,145.21
Nov. 1, 1936	305,500.00	320,101.27	51,000.00	54,157.08	374,258.35
June 1, 1938	.....	.....	239,439.98	210,729.27	210,729.27
June 1, 1939	19,500.00	19,380.05	.....	.....	19,380.05
Jan. 15, 1939	5,000.00	4,964.06	.....	.....	4,964.06
Feb. 15, 1940	72,500.00	72,043.99	.....	.....	72,043.99
Sept. 1, 1941	269,500.00	286,240.39	.....	.....	286,240.39
Oct. 1, 1941	.....	.....	282,730.68	298,555.54	298,555.54
Dec. 1, 1941	17,000.00	18,040.25	.....	.....	18,040.25
July 1, 1943	25,000.00	24,836.02	.....	.....	24,836.02
Nov. 1, 1943	80,000.00	80,000.00	53,333.34	53,333.34	133,333.34
Jan. 1, 1947	23,000.00	23,890.47	.....	.....	23,890.47
April 1, 1952	40,000.00	42,007.02	.....	.....	42,007.02
Railway— Alberta Great Waterways Jan. 1, 1959	177,000.00	173,944.24	.....	.....	173,944.24
Irrigation— Lethbr'ge Nor. Irrigation Dis. May 1, 1951	.....	.....	98,000.00	109,446.38	109,446.38
	<u>\$1,843,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,905,219.22</u>	<u>\$ 946,504.00</u>	<u>\$ 959,456.98</u>	<u>\$2,864,676.20</u>
Accrued Int. Dec. 31, 1927		31,759.79		11,180.79	42,940.58
Cash in Bank		1,111.69		4,829.70	5,941.39
		<u>\$1,938,090.70</u>		<u>\$ 975,467.47</u>	<u>\$2,913,558.17</u>

## LIABILITIES.

## Reserve:

Contributed by Revenue.....	\$1,439,470.82	\$ 975,467.47	\$2,414,938.29
Contributed by Alberta Co-Operative Elevator repayments .....	498,619.88	.....	498,619.88
	<u>\$1,938,090.70</u>	<u>\$ 975,467.47</u>	<u>\$2,913,558.17</u>

Certified correct,

JAMES C. THOMPSON, C.A.,

Provincial Auditor.

## STATEMENT No. 4A.

**GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**  
**SINKING FUND STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1927**

Maturity	LOAN	Amount	Sinking Funds Dec. 31, 1926	Statutory Contributions			Interest Earnings	Total Fund	Sinking Funds, December 31, 1927			Total
				General Revenue	Alberta Government Telephones	Co- operative Elevators			Applied on Loans Redeemed	General Revenue including Co-op. Elevators	Telephones	
June 1, 1938	\$2,000,000.00	\$183,048.50		\$56.94	\$10,001.00		\$10,262.13	\$203,311.63		\$203,311.63		\$203,311.63
Nov. 1, 1942	55,236.67	5,001.01		\$	227.76		279.60	5,565.31				5,565.31
June 1, 1943	3,252,290.40	421,096.97		10,197.88	6,798.60		22,977.18	461,070.63				461,070.63
June 1, 1928	825,000.00	41,675.58		625.00	3,500.00		2,424.80	48,223.38		278,134.93	182,935.70	461,070.63
Jan. 1, 1939	1,000,000.00	43,611.34		5,000.00			2,525.48	51,136.82		7,383.09	40,842.29	48,223.38
Dec. 15, 1929	3,000,000.00	108,263.82		10,000.00	5,000.00		6,427.16	129,690.98		51,136.82		129,690.98
May 1, 1930	1,000,000.00	36,243.79		5,000.00			2,142.72	43,386.51		86,804.23	42,886.75	129,690.98
Aug. 16, 1930	2,000,000.00	72,066.39		5,000.00			4,286.96	86,353.29		43,386.51		43,386.51
Nov. 1, 1930	1,000,000.00	35,746.10		5,000.00			2,140.16	42,886.26		43,386.51		86,353.29
Jan. 1, 1936	2,000,000.00	58,286.32		5,000.00	3,000.00		3,559.62	71,846.44		36,129.77	42,886.26	42,886.26
April 1, 1936	3,200,000.00	93,188.32		5,000.00	11,000.00		5,698.81	114,882.03		35,716.67	71,846.44	71,846.44
April 1, 1931	1,000,000.00	29,446.23		5,000.00			1,789.57	36,235.80		36,185.19		114,882.03
Sept. 1, 1931	2,100,000.00	61,826.23		10,500.00			3,757.53	76,083.76		36,235.80		86,235.80
Sept. 1, 1941	2,250,000.00	66,250.23		11,250.00			4,026.35	84,526.56		76,083.76		76,083.76
Oct. 1, 1941	1,800,000.00	52,270.53		5,000.00			3,204.93	59,475.48		81,526.56		81,526.56
Oct. 1, 1941	1,053,230.88	30,582.66		5,000.00	9,000.00		1,875.19	37,124.41		64,475.48		64,475.48
Nov. 1, 1941	1,250,000.00	36,642.00		2,100.00	1,250.00		2,331.35	45,123.35		36,181.44		45,123.35
Dec. 1, 1941	700,000.00	20,494.95		1,400.00			1,249.99	23,244.94		53,256.59		23,244.94
Jan. 1, 1947	8,846,000.00	87,836.38		9,230.00	10,000.00		5,565.40	112,631.78		54,361.33	58,264.45	112,631.78
April 1, 1952	3,000,000.00	68,990.76		15,000.00			4,363.53	88,354.29		88,354.29		88,354.29
July 1, 1927	3,500,000.00	166,964.21		17,500.00			6,312.27	246,282.52				
July 1, 1927	2,000,000.00	45,506.04		2,000.00	8,000.00		4,256.13	86,114.74		21,491.41	64,623.33	86,114.74
Sept. 15, 1942	2,948,000.00	67,118.61		3,648.62	11,091.38		5,421.99	109,786.44		109,786.44		109,786.44
Jan. 1, 1948	4,800,000.00	80,364.45		24,000.00			3,914.51	79,599.25		34,308.27	45,290.98	79,599.25
April 1, 1943	3,500,000.00	58,184.74		7,500.00	10,000.00		2,259.16	45,744.35		45,744.35		45,744.35
July 1, 1943	2,000,000.00	33,485.19		10,000.00			12,642.10	280,926.57		280,926.57		280,926.57
Nov. 1, 1928-33	6,000,000.00	200,867.40		30,000.00		\$37,417.07	2,053.06	41,571.13		41,571.13		41,571.13
Jan. 15, 1939	2,500,000.00	27,018.07		12,500.00			410.61	8,314.22		8,314.22		8,314.22
Feb. 15, 1974	5,000,000.00	5,403.61		2,500.00			1,642.45	33,256.90		33,256.90		33,256.90
Feb. 15, 1940	2,000,000.00	21,614.45		10,000.00			1,604.39	118,391.09		118,391.09		118,391.09
June 15, 1939	750,000.00	77,201.34		36,085.36			205.30	4,157.11		4,157.11		4,157.11
July 15, 1974	250,000.00	2,701.81		1,250.00			205.30	4,157.11		4,157.11		4,157.11
Sept. 1, 1939	250,000.00	2,701.81		1,250.00			205.30	4,157.11		4,157.11		4,157.11
Oct. 15, 1934	1,000,000.00	10,807.33		5,000.00			821.22	16,628.45		16,628.45		16,628.45
April 15, 1975	3,740,000.00	19,638.36		16,360.00	2,340.00		1,978.88	40,317.79		35,330.09	4,987.70	40,317.79
June 15, 1975	130,000.00	684.38		650.00			69.32	1,403.70		1,403.70		1,403.70
July 15, 1955	500,000.00	2,632.22		2,500.00			266.63	5,398.85		5,398.85		5,398.85
June 15, 1945	2,500,000.00	11,844.59		11,250.00			1,199.84	24,294.83		24,294.83		24,294.83
Feb. 15, 1940	750,000.00	36,085.36		36,085.36			3,601.86	77,442.50		77,442.50		77,442.50
July 15, 1941	750,000.00	36,085.36		36,085.36			3,601.86	77,442.50		77,442.50		77,442.50
Jan. 15, 1946	3,750,000.00	18,750.00		23,781.97	6,218.02		974.11	19,724.11		36,944.61		36,944.61
Oct. 1, 1956	6,000,000.00			23,781.97			1,868.50	41,683.51		35,187.64	6,495.87	41,683.51
July 1, 1957	1,275,000.00			2,730.00			141.83	2,871.83		2,871.83		2,871.83
Jan. 15, 1957	1,275,000.00											
Jan. 15, 1942	1,250,000.00						154.46	9,073.84		9,073.84		9,073.84
Dec. 1, 1957	5,239,500.00											
July 1, 1942	1,500,000.00											
			\$2,425,638.30	\$415,386.49	\$116,092.91	\$56,333.47	\$146,969.52	\$3,159,840.69	\$246,282.52	\$1,988,090.70	\$975,467.47	\$2,013,558.17

## STATEMENT No. 5.

## GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

SUMMARIZED COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED  
REVENUE AND EXPENDITUREFOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1928-29 COMPARED WITH THE ACTUAL FOR  
THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1927.

	Estimated 1928-29	Actual 1927	Estimated over 1927	Estimated under 1927
REVENUE:				
Dominion of Canada.....	\$ 2,373,942.20	\$ 2,278,260.98	\$ 95,681.22	.....
Agriculture Dept. ....	373,325.88	283,699.00	89,626.88	.....
Attorney Gen'l's Dept....	3,661,150.00	3,673,641.35		\$ 12,491.35
Education Dept. ....	240,610.00	229,011.16	11,598.84	.....
Executive Council .....	290,575.00	131,472.53	159,102.47	.....
Legislation .....	2,020.00	2,295.57		275.57
Municipal Affairs Dept.	1,772,000.00	1,616,908.14	155,091.86	.....
Prov. Sec'y's Dept.....	3,521,425.00	3,120,786.60	400,638.40	.....
Public Health Dept.....	446,374.00	280,302.30	166,071.70	.....
Public Works Dept.....	88,800.00	69,779.75	19,020.25	.....
Railways & Telephones Dept. (Rlys. Branch)	500.00	364.95	135.05	.....
Treasury Dept. ....	502,892.54	576,878.31		73,985.77
	<u>\$13,273,614.62</u>	<u>\$12,263,400.64</u>	<u>\$ 1,096,966.67</u>	<u>\$ 86,752.69</u>

	Estimated 1928-29	Actual 1927	Estimated under 1927	Estimated over 1927
EXPENDITURE:				
Public Debt .....	\$ 4,738,416.04	\$ 4,549,167.13		\$ 189,248.91
Executive Council .....	339,945.00	352,228.37	\$ 12,283.37	.....
Legislation .....	183,100.00	185,372.27	2,272.27	.....
Agriculture Dept. ....	741,444.00	663,632.51		77,811.49
Attorney Gen'l's Dept....	1,512,519.91	1,554,126.54	41,606.63	.....
Education Dept. ....	2,315,495.00	2,220,376.22		95,118.78
Municipal Affairs Dept.	218,325.00	205,711.16		12,613.84
Prov. Secretary's Dept.	80,495.00	71,057.78		9,437.22
Public Health Dept.....	1,258,441.00	1,054,260.75		204,180.25
Public Works Dept.....	1,598,037.00	1,329,783.81		268,253.19
Railways & Telephones Dept. (Rlys. Branch)	38,116.25	66,150.59	28,034.34	.....
Treasury Dept. ....	237,925.50	227,513.84		10,411.66
	<u>\$13,262,259.70</u>	<u>\$12,479,380.97</u>	<u>\$ 84,196.61</u>	<u>\$ 867,075.34</u>

## SUMMARY

Excess Estimated Revenue, 1928-29.....	\$ 1,010,213.98
Excess Estimated Expenditure, 1928-29.....	782,878.73
	<u>\$ 227,335.25</u>
Deficit, 1927 .....	215,980.33
	<u>\$ 11,354.92</u>
Estimated Surplus, 1928-29.....	

## STATEMENT No. 6

**GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**  
**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, 1926-1927**  
*Publicity and Statistics Branch, Department of Agriculture, Edmonton, Alberta*

1926						1927					
Acreage	Yield Per Acre	Total Yield	Price	Value	FIELD CROPS	Acreage	Yield Per Acre	Total Yield	Price	Value	
	BUSH.	BUSH.					BUSH.	BUSH.			
6,057,000	18½	112,047,000	\$ 1.05	\$117,649,350	Spring Wheat	6,165,000	27.4	168,921,000	\$ .98	\$165,542,580	
58,000	18½	1,073,000	1.05	1,126,650	Winter Wheat	86,000	27.4	2,356,400	1.04	2,450,656	
6,115,000	18½	113,120,000	1.05	\$118,776,000	All Wheat	6,251,000	27.4	171,277,400	.981	\$167,993,236	
1,907,000	30	57,210,000	.38	21,739,800	Oats	2,248,000	45	101,160,000	.44	44,510,400	
405,000	22	8,910,000	.42	3,742,200	Barley	400,000	30	12,000,000	.58	6,960,000	
112,000	12	1,344,000	.68	913,920	Rye	156,500	20	3,130,000	.77	2,410,100	
11,700	7	81,900	1.50	122,850	Flax	12,600	16	201,600	1.61	324,576	
15,700	30	471,000	.60	282,600	Mixed Grains	15,400	39.9	614,000	.53	325,420	
1,000	15	15,000	1.50	22,500	Peas	1,350	18.5	25,000	2.25	56,250	
410	15	6,000	2.25	13,500	Beans	270	15.2	4,100	2.50	10,250	
8,567,810		181,157,900		\$145,613,370	Total Field Crops	9,085,120		288,412,100		\$222,590,232	
ROOT CROPS						ROOT CROPS					
32,550	CWT.	2,962,050	\$1.31	\$3,880,285	Potatoes	31,100	CWT.	3,237,510	\$1.00	\$3,237,510	
8,600	130	1,118,000	1.81	2,023,580	Turnips, Mangolds, etc.	5,850	95.4	558,000	1.13	630,540	
5,100	TONS.	37,300	6.75	251,775	Sugar Beets	5,000	TONS.	34,000	7.00	238,000	
46,250				\$6,155,640	Total Root Crops	41,950				\$4,106,050	
FODDER CROPS						FODDER CROPS					
1,850,000	TONS.	4,625,000	\$10.00	\$46,250,000	Green Feed	1,500,000	TONS.	3,750,000	\$10.00	\$37,500,000	
278,700	2½	487,725	11.00	5,364,975	Hay and Clover	287,000	2.09	599,830	10.41	6,244,230	
52,700	2½	131,750	14.50	1,910,375	Alfalfa	42,000	3.09	130,000	12.29	1,597,700	
50,000	4½	225,000	5.00	1,125,000	Fodder Corn	15,000	5.45	82,000	6.67	546,940	
17,000	10	170,000	2.50	425,000	Sunflowers	10,200	12.00	122,400	2.50	306,000	
2,248,400		5,639,475		\$55,075,350	Total Fodder Crops	1,854,200		4,684,230		\$46,194,870	



1926				1927			
No. OF CREAMERIES	TOTAL PRODUCTION, LBS.	PRICE C.	DAIRY PRODUCTS		TOTAL PRODUCTION, LBS.	PRICE C.	VALUE
			Particulars	No. of Creameries			
99	19,912,466	32.96	Creamery Butter	100	16,425,000	85	\$ 5,748,700
	1,449,983	18.97	Cheese		849,000	19	161,300
No. OF Factories			Other Dairy Products	No. of Factories			14,840,000
15			Total Dairy Products	12			\$20,750,000

TOTAL PRODUCTION, LBS.	PRICE	VALUE	MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS	TOTAL PRODUCTION, LBS.	PRICE	VALUE
500,000	\$0.35	\$ 175,000	Alfalfa Seed	100,000	\$0.40	\$ 40,000
215,000	.17	36,550	Honey	300,000	.20	60,000
2,400,000	.19	456,000	Wool	2,600,000	.21	546,000
		8,500,000	Poultry Products			8,500,000
		2,100,000	Game and Furs			2,356,000
		24,000,000	Animals Slaughtered and Sold			25,000,000
		<hr/> \$35,267,550	Total Miscellaneous Products			<hr/> \$36,502,000

SUMMARY OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, 1926-1927

1926		1927	
ACRES	ACREAGE UNDER CULTIVATION	ACRES	VALUE OF PRODUCTION
10,862,460	Field, Root and Fodder Crops	10,981,270	\$206,844,360
2,718,926	Summerfallow	2,845,873	Field, Root and Fodder Crops
559,531	Breaking this year	750,000	Dairy Products
	Total Acreage under Cultivation	14,577,143	Miscellaneous Products
14,140,917		\$263,931,910	Total Value of Production
			\$330,143,152

NOTE.—The above statement is an estimate of the market value only of agricultural products. Not all of the crops mentioned are cash crops, as the value of much of the fodder crops is included again in livestock marketed. The statement presented is merely an effort to estimate the market value of products.

HON. GEORGE HOADLEY,  
Minister of Agriculture.

JANUARY 14, 1928.

D. A. MCCANNEL,  
Publicity Commissioner.

